**Visit a local pharmacy for your Flu vaccine**

Dear [MP],

[As you know,] [xxx Local Pharmaceutical Committee] represents all community pharmacies in [name of constituency]. We [have very much appreciated your previous support for community pharmacy and] wanted to update you on some of the work that local pharmacies are doing.

Throughout the pandemic, community pharmacies have shown great resilience in very challenging circumstances. While some other areas of primary care became harder to access, pharmacies remained open to ensure that patients could get the medicines and healthcare support they needed, including those seeking advice on a walk-in basis

As we head towards what is likely to be a difficult winter, it is more important than ever that we use the valuable network of community pharmacies to help keep people healthy and out of hospitals. Getting a flu vaccination is one of the most important things that the public can do to help manage pressures on the NHS this winter. We’re pleased to report that record numbers of flu vaccinations are already being administered in pharmacies this season.

To support these efforts, we would like to invite you to visit a local pharmacy to have a flu jab. If you are eligible for an NHS vaccination then the pharmacy will be able to offer this, or if you are not we may be able to arrange a private vaccination for you. The visit could also be a chance to speak to a local pharmacy team about the important work they are doing, and for us to issue a joint press release.

If this would be of interest, please do get in touch and we would be very happy to organise this. Local pharmacy teams will, of course, also be happy to provide an update on the current challenges the sector faces.

Kind regards,

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